



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

*Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38*

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**Holy Mass at Berala:** Monday to Friday 6.45am, Wednesday to Friday 9.15am, Saturday 8.00am, Saturday 9.00am Adoration & Novena. **Holy Mass at Auburn South:** Tuesday 9.00am (during school term only)  
**Lord's Day Mass Berala:** Saturday 5.00am (Vigil) Sunday 10.00am **Lord's Day Mass Auburn South:** Sunday 8.00am  
**Reconciliation at Berala:** Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am. Or contact the parish office for any other time.  
For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

9 SEP 2018

#### First Reading

Is 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

#### Second Reading

Jas 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

#### Gospel

Mk 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



### ANTIPHONS & READINGS

#### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

**(R) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those

who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

**Gospel Acclamation** cf. Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon

Cf Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

#### Next Week's Readings:

Is 50:5-9

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35

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 advice and advocacy to help families navigate  
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**Healing After Abortion:** 0400 092 555

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 www.divineretreatcentre.org.au  
 Ph: 4372 1598

**Sara's Place:** For pregnancy support or  
 grieving after abortion visit  
 www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

Mon 10/9	6.45am Mass	
Tue 11/9	6.45am 9.00 am Mass Mass (SJW)	
Wed 12/9	6.45am 9.15am 10.00am Mass Mass Legion of Mary (St Joseph's House)	
Thu 13/9	6.45am 9.15am 3.30pm 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass Mass Chanel Schola (SPC) RCIA (St Joseph's House) Psalmists practice followed by Parish Choir (8 Wallace St, Sefton)	
Fri 14/9	6.45am 9.15am Mass Mass	
Sat 15/9	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass	
Sun 16/9	8.00am 10.00am Mass (SJW) Mass (SPC)	



*"Family that pray together  
 stay together"*

**PILGRIM STATUE**

FROM ST PETER CHANEL  
 at Nazareth Home  
 3/65 Regent St, Regents Park

*Please join them any evening at 7.00pm  
 for the Rosary.*

To host the Pilgrim Statue and  
 Rosary prayer please contact Mona  
 on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

FROM S J W Church  
 at the Olie Home

To host the Rosary Statue from  
 SJW contact  
 Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

16 SEPTEMBER 2018		24 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY Dom PANGILINAN	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA Mert BOLONIA
MUSIC & SINGING	Renee SALAR & SCHOOL CHOIR		Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR
LECTOR/S	SPC SCHOOL FAMILY MASS	Ken HARTMAN	Micheline BOTHAM
		Jenny MICHAEL	Hoa NGUYEN
COMMENTATOR		Joe MOSES	Hilary Nguyen
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GREETER	Parish Children	Loutoa OLIE	Evelina LUI & Vinita NAZARETH
HOSPITALITY		Alicia MOORE	
<b>Hospital Visitation Sat :</b> John Le Mottee & Mariana Tannous		<b>Altar &amp; Sacristy:</b> Group 4 Anita Yip; Catherine Naidu-Narayan; Mariana Tannous	
<b>Hospital Communion Sun:</b> Ken Hartman & Jenny Michael			
<b>Cleaners SPC:</b> Roland & Aida Javier		<b>Children's liturgy:</b> Sharon Iacono	

<b>Saturday 8AM</b>	<b>15 SEPTEMBER</b>
LECTOR FOR MASS	Jann ROCKLIFF

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sick:** Kathleen Cassie Resuello, Fr  
 Graham Kings, Fr Mark Spora

**Recently Deceased:** Ben Hansan,  
 Sheila Field, Percy Baptiste, Luke  
 William Ballard, Rafael Jr Amarille

**Deceased:** Joseph Cicuto, Amabile  
 Cicuto, Giovanni Cicuto, Caterina  
 Bertuzzi, Albino Bertuzzi, Joseph  
 Nguyen Van Ngan, Carmen Portelli,  
 Charlie Portelli, Carmen Spiteri,  
 Anthony Spiteri, Evangelista & Joseph  
 Debrincat, Ananias Garcia, Francisco  
 Fontejon Amores

**Anniversary:** Antonio Florendo  
 Festejo, Engracia Mongcopa-Amores,  
 Herminio A. Figueras, Scott  
 Shapleigh, Ruth D. Amores, Editha C.  
 Amores, & Maria Cabotaje - Amores

**Deceased Members and Friends of:**  
 Ross & Mitchell Families, O'Dwyer &  
 Erwin Families, Amores & Florendo  
 Families, Orlovic & Lisica Families

**Other Intentions:** Leon M, Holy Souls  
 in Purgatory

## Reflections by Fr George Kallumkal

The first reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 35:4-7 and it says, "Have courage, do not fear." and "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water." With the Saviour everything will be changed and a wonderful blessing is waiting for everyone. Everything will be changed.



The second reading is from the Letter of St. James 2:1-5. "It was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him." The subject is that we should not grade people according to external appearance, for a person's quality is something that derives from his union with God—the more humble and understanding he is, the more honour he deserves.

The gospel is taken from the gospel of Mark 7:31-37. When we meditate deeply on this passage we can see Christ as the Lord, Christ as a teacher, Christ as a friend and how Christ should be in my life everyday.

**Christ the Lord:** Even after so many miracles and wonders people took Jesus as only as a wonder worker, or just as a politician and considered his Kingdom to be merely another earthly reign. He wanted more time to explain his vision, to convince people that the Kingdom of God went far beyond politics and economics, touching people's hearts and bringing them back into communion with God. The miracles were meant to be signs, confirmations of the truth of his teachings, and invitations to trust and obey him. Unfortunately, although many people were willing to be cured by him, few were willing to suffer with him – that became clear at the time of his passion.

And yet, to be a citizen of his Kingdom means both enjoying his benefits and living under his rule – that is bringing thoughts, words, and actions into line with his standard and example.

**Christ the Teacher:** We should never despair of the power of God. No soul is too hardened to be penetrated by Christ's love and forgiveness; the greatest sinners often make the greatest saints. Though someone appears deaf to the Word of Life and unable to respond to the invitations of the Holy Spirit, our confidence must never be shaken, for Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak. He is a faithful and committed teacher He is always with the needy.

**Christ the Friend:** Jesus is touching this poor man's ears and tongue and speaking the word of command. What comes across in this encounter is God's humility. Christ designs to bring the healing power of God into this man's life through symbolic gestures and visible signs. He comes to save us in a way appropriate to that nature. Whatever God created is good and useful for us and it must be used properly and carefully. We should be grateful for all his gifts and for his patience with us.

**Christ in My Life:** I want to follow you through thick and thin, Lord. You are faithful, and you govern my life and the entire world with perfect wisdom. Open my eyes, enlighten my mind, so that I will discover your presence and your will in each moment, in every circumstance. You never cease to draw me to yourself; never let me stop seeking your face.

Sometimes the obstacles to making your Kingdom grow seem insurmountable, but in truth they never are. You made the deaf hear and the mute speak, Lord! You can give me all the grace I need to overcome every sinful habit and fulfil my mission in life. Make me a channel of your peace, Lord.

Thank you for the sacraments, and thank you for the beauties of nature and culture. You show your patience and gentleness by speaking to me through these things, in ways that I can understand. Help me to take advantage of every moment in order to know and serve you better. In all my relationships, Lord, especially the ones most difficult for me, grant me the grace to be like you: patient, humble, and generous.

## Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate.

Your Name:.....

Telephone No .....Email .....

Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.  Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent)

## REFLECTIONS ON MARK 7:31-37

### **Scriptural Context. Isaiah's Prophecy.**

All three synoptic gospel writers were at pains to demonstrate that Jesus was the fulfilment of the prophecies of the scriptures. This reference to Isaiah's prophecy appears in all three synoptic gospels. It is perhaps most familiar in the context of the Gospel of Luke, where the gospel writer actually combines it with a different passage from Isaiah and portrays Jesus as reading it in the synagogue as an announcement of his mission (Lk 4:16-21). It is good to have the Isaiah text as the first reading this week and then see the way it is referred to in the gospel of the day.

### **Living the Gospel. Open to compassion.**

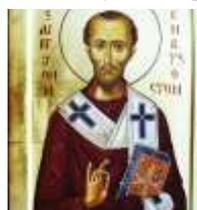
When Isaiah described the signs by which the Messiah would be recognised, he identified those people who were isolated from society by their physical afflictions. He portrayed a Messiah who released them to re-enter society. That is what Jesus did time and time again. In the healing of the deaf and dumb man, Jesus called on all those around him to also be opened—that their hearts may be opened to compassion. Jesus called to us through today's gospel to also be open to compassion and open to the needs of those around us.

### **Gospel Focus. Ephphatha.**

The healing that Jesus works in this passage is perhaps one of the most 'physical' of his healing actions. He puts his fingers in the man's ears and places spittle on his tongue. It is an incredibly intimate contact with a complete stranger and someone regarded as outcast and unclean because of his disabilities. When Jesus speaks the word of healing, Ephphatha ('Be opened'), he appears to be speaking not only to the man but to all those listening. Be open to the possibility of embracing those you have cast out; be open to a different understanding of Messiah.

## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### **Thursday, 13 September—St John Chrysostom**



Born in Antioch about 347. Died in exile in Comana (Turkey) on 14 September 407. After some years as a hermit, he was a priest at Antioch, where his brilliant preaching and catechesis earned him the sobriquet "Chrysostom" (golden-mouthed). Appointed patriarch of Constantinople in 397. His reforms,

preaching, and ascetic life led to opposition from court and clergy and eventual banishment. Remembered for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of his witness, and his effective preaching of the Scriptures.

### **Friday, 14 September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Originally this day commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in the fourth century; after the celebration, the wood of the cross was venerated. The feast spread in the West after the recovery of the relics of the cross from Persia in the seventh century. A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the "lifting up" of the Son of

Man on the cross, into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life.



### **Saturday, 15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows**



This commemoration originated in the medieval devotion to the seven sorrows of Mary. Approved for the Servite order in the seventeenth century, it was extended to the whole Western Church in 1814 by Pius VII in thanksgiving for his release from captivity under Napoleon. In the light of Simeon's

prophecy about a sword piercing Mary's soul (Luke 2:35), the feast celebrates Mary, first disciple and first to share in the pain and triumph of the cross.

## The cross is Christ's glory and triumph

### *A discourse of St Andrew of Crete*

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honourable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honourable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognise it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once. And again: Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be. And once more: "Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Here he speaks of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross. And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself. Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

## John at Ecce Homo

*Fr Thomas Kurunthanam*

It is a delightful experience to be at Jerusalem at this time of the year. There are three major Jewish Feasts celebrated in this month. This Monday is the Feast of ROSH HASHANA, which is commonly known as Jewish New Year. But surprisingly it is not the beginning of the year. It is actually the middle of the Jewish Year. This feast has origins in harvest festivities and thanksgiving to God for His providence. Next week is YOM KIPPUR, another major feast in Jewish Calendar. Five days later there is a week-long celebration of Sukkot. Yes, September is the month of feasts for the Jews. John's Gospel is written with OT background. (Old Testament is Scripture for Jews also.) Therefore it was a deliberate decision of the Biblical Formation Program of the ECCE HOMO Institute to select September to conduct the course on the Gospel According to John. The teachers I am with are also loving it.

There are 32 students from 9 countries doing this study of John's Gospel. But Australians make up two third of the total group. Sydney itself makes up nearly one third of the group. Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA from Dublin lectures on the Gospel according to John. Amongst many insights, Fr Kieran showed how the prologue of the Gospel is influenced by Wisdom Literature and Jewish prayers. Then came a couple of Jewish Scholars providing some understanding to Jewish Feast and the biblical basis for them.

Ecce Homo where I stay and study is in the Old City of Jerusalem. Al Aqsa Mosque on the site of the Jewish Temple which was destroyed in 70 CE is almost reachable from the terrace of my room. Turn 30 degrees and I can see the Holy Sepulchre, the Empty Tomb and Calvary. This city which is important for all three Abrahamic Religions (Jews, Christians and Muslims) is always buzzing with pilgrims, vendors, and celebrations.



*Stone of Unction - photo by Julie Thompson*



*Sepulchre - photo by Julie Thompson*



In between the classes, I have been visiting Churches and Holy Sites and praying for my parishioners and friends. So far, I have prayed for you at the Holy Sepulchre, in the Garden of Gethsemane, at the place from where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, at the site where Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer, and at the site from where Jesus ascended to Heaven. The weather is hot like Australian Summer. But study and pilgrimages keep me fully focussed on Jesus Christ and his ministry. A number of you have given me intentions to pray for. They are in my heart and mind as I progress in Pilgrim's Way.

**St Francis Xavier, Chima Impel**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I express my sincere gratitude together with my Bishop, students and staff of the school, to all of you for your generous help.

On April 23rd we put the foundation of the school and started the construction of the building, it is progressing.

As you can see in the photos the materials, sand, iron, bricks are collected and the other things are on the way according to the need.



Six-foot foundation and the steps are seen in the photo, and the steps to the first floor is over and the ground level concreting is on the way. Supports are given by the bamboos for concreting the ground floor.

The masons are on holidays for the Bakrid, when they come back they will do the concrete work of the ground floor and they will give us the photos. Once the masons are back to the duty after the holidays work will grow fast.

I take this chance to thank you all for your generosity and also ask you to please continue to help us until the work is completed.

School students, staff and the parishioners are all praying for you.

May God bless you all!

*Fr George Kallumkal*



## Parish Retreat

*The path of knowing and following Jesus today.*

- When:** Saturday, 22 September 2018 (8.00am) to Sunday, 23 September 2018. (3.00pm)  
**Where:** Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa NSW 2745  
**Cost:** \$145 per night (single) or \$125 per night per person (shared)



Meals, linen etc all supplied. Numbers restricted to 30.  
Map will be supplied.

**Contacts:** Arthur Doumit 0417 270 923 (arthur.doumit@hotmail.com), Lawrence Lopez 0419 482 563 (lawrence.lopez@bigpond.com), Katrina Yip 0407 101 810 (katrinayip@hotmail.com)  
Parish Office 9644 7787



### First Reconciliation

Registration Commitment for the First Reconciliation Program will be held on Saturday & Sunday, November 3 & 4. Registrations will be accepted during the Vigil Mass or at 8AM Mass or 10AM Mass on the first weekend of November.

Parents meeting will be at 7PM on Wednesday, 7 November.

### Fathers' Day Collection for Retired Priests

Thank you for your generous donation, we collected a total of **\$1575** in cash and credit card donations.



### Dedication of the Church and Installation of the Relic

St Peter Chanel Church will be dedicated 60 years after its blessing. Archbishop Anthony Fisher will do the ceremony on 17 February 2019. Program will start with a procession with the Relic of St Peter Chanel, our Patron and the Proto-Martyr of Oceania, from the grounds of SPC Primary School to the Reliquary in the Church. With this installation of the Relic in our church, SPC Church Berala will be the first and only Church with a relic of St Peter Chanel on permanent display. The monstrance for the Relic is already sponsored by a parishioner.

For the procession, we need to organise canopy, torch bearers, flags and ceremonial umbrellas, ushers, and so on. Karim Kassis, the coordinator is looking for volunteers for all these roles. If you have any suggestions, you may contact him directly or through parish office.



After the installation of the relic in the Church, Archbishop will commence the Mass and Dedication ceremonies. It is anticipated that a number of concelebrants will be joining the Archbishop on this occasion. After the anointing of the walls of the church with Chrism Oil, four specially installed candles will be light in the church. These candles will be permanent signs of the dedication. The candle holders are yet to be bought. Each of the wall mountable candle holders is estimated to cost \$350 each. Anyone interested in sponsoring the candle holders may contact Fr Thomas or the Parish Office.

Committees and working groups are being formed for various aspects like publicity, souvenir and so on. It will be good have people who are good with social media and IT savvy to help in these areas. Please indicate your interest to Karim Kassis.

Teacher: Give me a sentence using the word GEOMETRY.

Student: A little boy grew and grew until finally awoke one day and said, 'Gee, I'm a tree!'



## OTHER NOTICES

### JOB VACANCY

**Bookkeeper. The Pontifical charity Aid to the Church in Need** is advertising for a part time bookkeeper to work out of their national office in Penrith. Duties include general accounting and reconciliation tasks, payroll and donation processing. For all details visit, [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au)

### EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

#### Be Awake National Catholic Men's Conference

"Be Awake; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." 1 Cor 16:13-16. "Where are you men of God? Are you AWAKE?" MenAlive and the Young Men of God Movement have united to host a life-changing event for the men of this nation. The conference will bring the very best of MenAlive's hugely successful MAX conference, and the unrivaled strength of the Young Men of God National Conference. There is nothing like the journey of growing in faith alongside your brothers. There will be great speakers, worship, prayer, sacraments, sports and brotherhood time. Be inspired, be transformed at this extraordinary event not to be missed! **To register go to [menalive.org.au](http://menalive.org.au) or [ymgmovement.org](http://ymgmovement.org).**

**World Rosary** . Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world on 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. To sign up for the email feed to <http://holyleagueofnations.com> Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection. We have been doing regular novena prayers to St Joseph, Eileen O Conner etc via Facebook a new one is posted every couple of weeks. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/OZROSARY53/>

#### Celebrant of Faith Formation Retreat. Saturday 15th

**September 2018** from 9.00 am-5.00 pm at the St Joseph Parish Hall Walz St, Rockdale NSW. Registration fee \$30. BYO Lunch. Coffee & tea provided. And Healing Mass on the Sunday. The 16th /9/18 from 1.30pm-5.00pm at St Joseph Parish Church Walz St, Rockdale NSW. Diocese Inquiries : Helen Aldana mob 0488 037 631  
Ida Krisnadi mob 0424 637 500.

### SUPPORT & SERVICES

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** is a journey of spiritual healing to help women and men overcome the painful effects of an abortion experience. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-

judgmental environment. The next retreat will be held: **16-18 November**. You could assist those who might benefit from Rachel Vineyard's Ministries support by asking the parishes to run the following bulletin notice over the coming weeks and months making available the details of the retreats and how to contact us.

**Healing After Abortion.** Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. Healing retreats are held regularly in the Sydney area offering women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. A brochure can be downloaded at the website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au). The next healing retreat will be held 16-18 November. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non judgmental environment.

**Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings.** Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support [bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au) or Ph: (02) 9646 6908.

**Natural Fertility Services** is looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants and sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. Contact The Manager NFS (02) 9509 1222

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**Check Out The Archdiocese Of Sydney's New Website.** The Archdiocese has launched a fresh new-look website with all the latest news and information from across the archdiocese and the Church in Australia. Visit the new-look site at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/>



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